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Thank you for thoughtfully considering my request. The future of our wildlife and resources for generations to come is at stake, and I trust you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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